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TAGS: PORG, SHUM, IS, XA

SUBJECT: DENIAL OF WORLD JEWISH CONFERENCE RIGHT TO
PARTICIPATE IN LAGOS CONFERENCE.

REF: STATE 195998

1. REQUEST YOU DISCUSS WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ISSUE
WITH HARRIMAN OR SANU TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN AT
APPARENT DISCRIMINATION BEHIND REFUSAL TO INVITE
WJC; TO REQUEST THAT DECISION BE REVERSED AND THAT
WJC BE ISSUED INVITATION. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE
FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

- UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY CONCERNED AT IMPLICATION
OF DISCRIMINATION WHICH CAN BE DRAWN FROM EXCLUSION
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OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS FROM LAGOS CONFERENCE.
WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT REASONS IN FACT MOTIVATED
DECISION BUT FROM LIST OF INVITEES WE HAVE SEEN, WE
CAN SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR EXCLUDING WJC. REASON
CITED TO WJC THAT APARTHEID COMMITTEE HAD ALREADY
INVITED A LARGE NUMBER OF NGO'S STRIKES US AS BEING
WHOLLY INADEQUATE.

- CONFERENCE DEVOTED TO ACTION AGAINST ONE FORM OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION SHOULD SCRUPULOUSLY AVOID ANY HINT OF SANCTION OF OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION.

- WE HAD PUT STOCK IN ASSURANCES THAT NIGERIANS AND OTHER MODERATE AFRICANS WOULD TRY TO KEEP FOCUS OF CONGRESS ON SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF, AND THAT IN PARTICULAR CONFERENCE WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE MANIPULATED BY RADICAL ARABS. ISRAELIS FIND ACTION OF APARTHEID COMMITTEE IN EXCLUDING WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS DISQUIETING IN THIS REGARD, AND FRANKLY WE DO TOO.

- WE HOPE THAT DENIAL OF INVITATION WAS NOT FULLY CLEARED WITH CONFERENCE SPONSORS AND URGE THAT NIGERIA TAKE ACTION TO INVITE THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS DECISION WOULD PERMIT ISRAEL TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CONFERENCE. (WE ASSUME NIGERIANS ARE AWARE OF ISRAELI DECISION TO WITHDRAW.)

2. FYI, LIST OF 25 INVITED NGO'S AVAILABLE TO US INCLUDES SUCH DIVERSE ORGANIZATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS, BRUSSELS

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS, PRAGUE
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INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE FUND, GENEVA

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION, BERLIN

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM, GENEVA

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE, GENEVA

3. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO NIGERIANS THAT EXCLUSION OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PARTICULARLY IRONIC SINCE WJC, UNDER NAHUM GOLDMAN, IS LEADING EXPONENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI RECONCILIATION AND, WE UNDERSTAND, HAS MAINTAINED ACTIVE INTEREST IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

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